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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO GIBRALTAR BY USS NIMITZ AND USS SOUTH CAROLINA PCT 1-3 1976.

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1. UNDER THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM WE ARE STRONGLY INCLINDED TO INDICATE TO MINISTER OF THE NAVY PITA DA VEIGA THAT IT WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO THE USS NIMITZ IN LATE SEPTEMBER. TO HAVE THIS SHIP VISIT GIBRALTAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER A VISIT BY THE NAVY MINISTER COULD BE SERIOUSLY PREJUDUCIAL TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SPANISH NAVY, COULD BE A PUBLIC SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT IN OUR BROADER RELATIONS WITH THE SPANISH GOVT, AND MIGHT WELL PREJUDICE POSSIBILITY THERE IS FOR AN EARLY SPANISH GOVT DECISION TO ALLOW NPW VISITS TO SPANISH PORTS.

2. BEFORE DECIDING TO NOTIFY THE NAVY MINISTER OF THE CANCELLATION OF OUR INVITATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE NIMITZ CALL AT ANOTHER PORT, FOR EXAMPLE IN MOROCCO, AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 2B OF CINCUSNAVEUR  
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DTG 261313Z AUG 76. (THAT MESSAGE YOU WILL RECALL, STATED

"....IF SPANISH OFFICIALS VISIT NIMITZ, PORT CALL FOR NIMITZ  
TO GIBRALTAR WOULD BE RULED OUT" ..)  
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